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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing
is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s)
according to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): ILDA, Tamotsu

For: OPTICAL RECORD CARRIER, DRIVE UNIT, DATA UPDATING METHOD
AND SOFTWARE VERSION-UP METHOD

Enclosed are:

- X A specification consisting of 33 pages
- X 3 sheet(s) of FORMAL drawings
- Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- X Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.64 will follow
- Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27
- Preliminary Amendment

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